

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 64
Bradford Corinth Hudson Kenduskeag Stetson

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 29, 2025

The members of the Board of Directors of RSU 64 met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025 in response to an agenda dated April 24, 2025. The agenda was distributed to members electronically.

Members Present: Rhonda Williams, James Connolly, Julie Byers, Katherine Waite, Anne McLellan, Regina Creeley, Wanda St. Peter, Steven Ingalls, Tonya Wozneak, Rosalie Ainsworth, Kelsi McHugh-Speed, Emily Henderson

Student Representatives
Present: Aaron Dyer

Student Representatives
Absent: Madison Kenneson

Members Absent: Amy Bean, Anne Kenneson, Robert Young, Curtis Chadbourne, Jodi Brasslett

Members Absent
Without Excuse: None

Others in Attendance: Superintendent Rhonda Sperrey, administrators, and members of the public.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rhonda Williams at 7:03 p.m. A roll call and check of attendance found a quorum of 12 members present, 5 members absent, and one vacancy (Bradford).

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second of Tonya Wozneak, the Board voted to approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting (April 10, 2025), Regular Monthly Meeting (March 31, 2025), and Hiring Committee Meeting (March 31, 2025) and to place the minutes on file as part of permanent Board records.

Unanimous

Petitions and Communications

The Board is in receipt of a letter of resignation from CHS Math Teacher Cynthia Dehm, CHS E-Sports Advisor Cary Libby, and CHS Special Education Teacher Rachel Smart.

Chair Williams called for Public Forum items. No items were presented.

Chair Williams introduced and welcomed Rodney Barnett, recommended Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services.

Reports

Superintendent Sperrey updated members on the following administrative topics:

Maintenance

New Supervisor of Maintenance and Custodial Services Rodney Barnett started employment with the District on Monday, April 28, 2025. Mr. Barnett is learning about both short and long-term projects currently in motion as he acclimates himself to the position. The maintenance staff are busy getting snow equipment serviced and put away for the summer and preparing outdoor spaces for the next season. Mr. Barnett will be working on summer cleaning and maintenance schedules over the next couple of weeks in preparation for the 2025-2026 school year.

Wellness Committee

The District Wellness Committee had its first meeting prior to April vacation. Several staff members have stepped up to commit to this most important work. The members of the committee include teachers, support staff, administrators and a Board member. The Wellness Committee is also actively seeking student representation in their work.

Federal Funding Update

Although there has been significant speculation in the national and local media about federal funding for public schools, RSU 64 has received no communication from the Department of Education pertaining to a curtailment of funding.

Calendar Waiver Approval

Deputy Commissioner of Education Daniel Chuhta approved the RSU 64 Board of Directors' request to waive one instructional day within the 2024-2025 school calendar. At this time, it appears the final day of school for students in RSU 64 will be Friday, June 13, 2025.

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members directed the Superintendent to offer an additional work day to support staff that lost a day of work due to the closures at CCES and CHS.

Unanimous

District Enrollment

District Enrollment (As of April 1, 2025)

CCES - 484 (-1)

CMS - 219 (-1)

CHS - 290 (-2)

Total = 993 (-4)

Administrator Reports

Administrator reports are distributed to Board members prior to the monthly meeting.

CHS Principal Dr. Rad Mayfield – Dr. Mayfield highlighted the educational excursion to Europe several CHS students and family members engaged in over April vacation. A significant highlight was the fact the group was in Rome during the funeral of Pope Francis.

CHS Assistant Principal/AD Jared Foster – Mr. Foster had nothing to add to his report.

CMS Principal Dr. Sandra Cookson – Dr. Cookson updated members on the successful repairs to the sound system used for public events.

CCES Principal Michael Glynn: Mr. Glynn had nothing to add to his report.

CCES Assistant Principal Nicole Evans – Mrs. Evans highlighted her team's win in the annual floor hockey competition at CCES.

Curriculum Coordinator Monica Sabine – Mrs. Sabine updated members on the successful grant application for the reallocation of federal funds to support the summer school program.

Special Education Director David Nason – Mr. Nason had nothing to add to his report.

New Business

Annual Authorization to Borrow Funds

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board Chair to borrow an amount not to exceed the amount of \$400,000 in the event they deem it necessary in order to meet District obligations.

Unanimous

Discussion and Consideration of Amended Region 4 Cooperative Agreement

Upon the motion of Katherine Waite and second by Wanda St. Peter, members voted to approve the Revised Region 4 Cooperative Agreement pursuant to Section 8457(2) of Title 20-A, the “Amended Region 4 Cooperative Agreement,” Cooperative Agreement including Equivalency Agreement is by and between Region 4 United Technologies Center and each of the undersigned Region 4 members. The effective date of this Agreement is July 1, 2025. The Cooperative Board of Region 4 and the school boards of each of the undersigned members agree that, for purposes of satisfying high school diploma requirements set for in 20-A M.R.S. § 4722(2), satisfactory completion of Region 4 courses shall be the equivalent of meeting high school diploma requirements as set forth in Exhibit A, in the form attached hereto, be hereby approved.

Unanimous

Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Superintendent Sperrey and members of the Finance Committee presented the proposed FY26 Budget.

In summary, the FY26 proposed budget reflects significant work over the past several months by the Finance Committee to include:

- Increases in contractual costs for transportation, professional, and support staff.
- Increases in contractual costs for snow removal and maintenance agreements.
- Equipment purchase of a new maintenance truck will come from Capital Equipment Reserve, not the operational budget.
- Staffing – A kindergarten position has been removed from the budget given the notice of a retirement and the projected enrollment in Kindergarten next year appears not to necessitate a fifth classroom teacher.
- Heating Fuel – The District has locked in a fuel price for FY26 of \$2.70/gallon for #2 heating fuel. The District has locked in for propane for FY26 at \$1.72/gallon. Any additional tariffs would be paid for separately.
- Electricity – The current draft budget includes the same amounts budgeted for electricity in FY25.
- Health Insurance – After significant volatility in the projections of increases, the District was notified of a 3.09% increase in health insurance premiums for FY26.
- Transportation costs for summer school – the proposed budget includes \$20,000 previously funded by federal grants.
- CHS Credit Recovery Program at Hirundo – the proposed budget includes \$15,000 previously funded by federal grants.

- The Finance Committee is recommending the establishment of a Health Insurance Reserve Account and a transfer from undesignated fund balances of up to \$50,000 should the account be approved by the taxpayers and the funds are available.

The overall increase to the budget is \$308,413 or 1.82%. The average increase in local assessments is 2.54%. Individual town assessment increases are:

Bradford – 3.08%
 Corinth – 2.44%
 Hudson – 1.32%
 Kenduskeag – 2.49%
 Stetson – 3.71%

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Rosalie Ainsworth, members voted to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the proposed RSU 64 Budget for 2025-2026 as recommended, and approve the Warrant for the District Budget Meeting and that a District Budget Meeting be called for Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Community Elementary School for the purpose of voting on the annual budget for the District for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; that the District Budget Validation Referendum be called for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for the purpose of approving the Budget adopted at the District Budget Meeting for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; that the form of Notice of Amounts adopted at the Budget Meeting be approved, in accordance with the District Budget Meeting on June 5, 2025, and to deliver attested copies of said Notice to the clerks of each municipality in the District for posting at all polling places for the June 10, 2025 District Budget Validation Referendum.

Yea – 10
 Nay – 2 (Henderson, Waite)
 Abstention - 0

Set Monthly Meeting Dates for the Months of May and June

Due to scheduling conflicts, and upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members voted to set May 19, 2025 and June 16, 2025 as Regular Monthly Meeting dates for the months reflected.

Unanimous

Personnel Approvals and Acknowledgements

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the recommendation of the Hiring Committee for the District-wide appointment for 2024-2025 of Supervisor of Maintenance & Custodial Services – Rodney Barnett.

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Rosalie Ainsworth, members approved the recommendation of the Hiring Committee of Professional Staff appointments for 2025-2026 of First Year Probationary Contract to Second Year Probationary Contract teachers:

Melissa Angelo, CHS Spanish
 Ben Campbell, CHS Social Studies .5 FTE
 Ashleigh Capelle, CMS Social Studies
 Caitlin Dawe, Grade 5
 Rachel Dunham, Grade 1
 Jessica Dunton, CCES Special Education
 Garrett Johnson, CCES Phys. Ed.
 Makayla LaBelle, CMS Grade 7 Math

Michele Maybury, CHS Phys. Ed.
Cassidy Miller , CMS Science
Kim Ogden, CHS Math/Science
Courtney Pollock, PreK
Matthew Shawyer, CHS Science
Meagan Wiehn, CCES Speech
Natalie Young, CHS English

Unanimous

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, members approved the recommendation of the Hiring Committee of Professional Staff appointments for 2025-2026 of Second Year Probationary Contract to Continuing Contract teachers:

Zoe Brown, Grade 3
Lillian Frager, Grade 1
Hope French, CCES Special Education
Trey Liberty, CMS Grade 7 Science
Janelle Maheux, CHS Science
Anatalie McGarvey, PreK
Jason Schriver, CHS .5 FTE Guidance
Emily Stefanik, Grade 2
Victoria VanTrump, CMS Math Interventionist

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointments for 2025-2026:

Jamie Adams, CCES Ed Tech III
Elaine Allen, Food Service Assistant
Christina Bartlett, CCES Ed Tech III
Christina Bean, Food Service Assistant
Dennis Bean, District Maintenance
Hattie Bean, .5 FTE CMS Secretary
Jamie Bean, CCES Ed Tech I
Kaitlynn Bean, CCES Ed Tech III
Laura Bell, CHS Ed Tech I, Library
Sarah Brooks, CHS Ed Tech II
Amy Bubar, CCES Ed Tech I
Tami Call, CMS Ed Tech III, Library
Ben Campbell, CHS Ed Tech III, .5 FTE
Nichole Clark, CMS Office Manager
David Craig, CHS Ed Tech III
Connie Crocker, Food Service Assistant
Anna Cross, Food Service Assistant
Maddigan DeMoranville, CMS Ed Tech I
Nicole DeMoranville, CHS Ed Tech I
Bram Dennis, CCES Ed Tech III
Skyler Ferrie, CMS Ed Tech I
Jessica Gervais, CCES Ed Tech III
Beth Goodwin, CHS Guidance Secretary II
Karen Graham, CCES Office Manager
Hilary Gross, CCES Custodian
Nicole Harrison, CCES Ed Tech III, Library
Chad Hartley, Special Services Driver
Renee Harvey, CCES Custodian

Stephanie Helstrom, Food Service Manager II
 Brenda Hewes, CCES Custodian
 Michele Hewitt, CCES Ed Tech I
 Julie Hicks, Ed Tech III
 Paul Klimaszewski, Fields & Grounds
 Carin King, CMS/CCES Custodian
 Moriah King, CCES Ed Tech III
 Bonnie Leighton, CCES Ed Tech I
 Mary Lord, CMS Ed Tech I
 Melissa Masse, CCES Ed Tech II
 Mary McGowan, CHS Custodian
 Steven McGowan, CHS Custodian
 Amber McIntyre, CMS/CHS Food Service
 Timothy McKay, CCES Ed Tech I
 Amber Mitchell, CCES Ed Tech II
 Susan Nash, Food Service Assistant
 Shawna Neal, CMS Ed Tech III
 Kyle Norman, CCES Ed Tech I
 Linda Norris, CCES Custodian
 Jeffrey O'Bar, CHS Custodian
 Wayne Page, District Day Custodian
 Makenzie Pearl, Food Service Assistant
 Selina Plante, Ed Tech II
 Christopher Pullen, CCES Custodian
 Kristen Quido, CCES Ed Tech III
 Edith Randall, CMS Ed Tech III
 Stachia Randall, CHS Secretary II
 Michael Reynolds, CMS Custodian
 Cassandra Rice, CCES Ed Tech I
 Rhonda Roberts, Food Service Assistant
 Nathan Robichaud, CCES Custodian
 Diane Rollins, CHS Office Manager
 Michael Saunders, CHS Ed Tech III
 Kayla Sawyer, CCES Secretary II/Front Office
 Ashley Shorey, CCES Ed Tech II
 Doug Smith, CMS Ed Tech III
 Alyssa Stachowiak, CCES Ed Tech I
 Tavia Storman, CCES Secretary II
 Connie Weymouth, CCES Ed Tech II
 Holly Weymouth, CCES Ed Tech I
 SontaRae Weymouth, CMS Ed Tech I
 Don Wilson, CHS Ed Tech III
 Graci Wiseman, Ed Tech III
 Matthew Wright, CMS Custodian

Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Support Staff appointments for 2024-2025:

CCES Educational Technician III – Christina Bartlett
 CCES Educational Technician III – Kaitlynn Bean

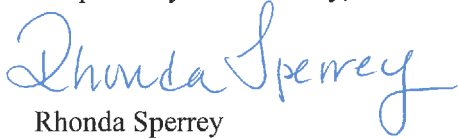
Members acknowledged Superintendent Sperrey's Schedule B appointments for 2024-2025:

CMS "A" Field Hockey Coach – Tabitha McClure

Upon the motion of Wanda St. Peter and second by Tonya Wozneak, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhonda Sperrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Sperrey
Secretary